

Minutes of the Public Works Committee - March 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend (arrived at 9:40 a.m.), Peter Gundrum (left at 10:30 a.m.), James Jeskewitz, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, and David Swan

Staff Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Business Mgr. Betsy Crosswaite, Engineering Services Mgr. Gary Evans, Senior Civil Engineers Paul Barthel and Karen Braun, Senior Engineer & Technician Pete Chladil, Transit Director Bob Johnson, Director of Planning/Admin. Andrew Johnson (Waukesha Metro Transit), Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski, Tom Dieckelman of Wisconsin Coach Lines, Airport Mgr. Keith Markano, John Lotzer and Chris Wodushek of Waukesha Flying Services, Principal Asst. Corporation Counsel Steve Schmitz

Correspondence

1. Letter from Director Bolte to Chair Manke regarding 2006 Transit Budget Modifications along with a Budget Management Plan for 2006 Waukesha County Service.

Swan brought up 2 items:

2. Letter from Tom Dieckelman of Wisconsin Coach Lines to Swan thanking him for his interest in the county's transportation system and inviting him to go on a tour of the terminal in Waukesha.

3. Letter from County Executive to Swan asking him to serve as a review panel member for CTH "SR" from STH 190 to CTH "K" Extension and CTH "K" C.N. Railroad Grade Separation. Manke asked if the letters asking a supervisor to serve on an RFP could be posted on the bulletin board in the county board mailroom as was done in the past.

Discuss and Consider Budget Adjustments for Mass Transit in 2006 due to Adjustments to Wisconsin Coach Line Routes

Bolte, Bob Johnson and Andrew Johnson were present. Bolte stated based upon the 2006 budget at this point in time, they anticipate roughly a \$12,000 overage and are making a recommendation to close that budget hole for 2006. It is the only recommendation they are making at this time but they reserve the right to make future recommendations based on how they see the budget is going.

B.Johnson stated basically the recommendation is to discontinue Route 311, which is the Pewaukee Route and operates from downtown Waukesha through the area north of I-94. They've tried a number of things to make the route successful but nothing has worked and it continues to perform poorly.

Singert asked about having the public hearing. B.Johnson said a date will have to be set, and immediately after the public hearing the formal motion can be made to discontinue the route which will occur on June 9. B.Johnson suggested the public hearing be held on April 27 or May 11.

Motion: Singert moved, second by Jeskewitz, to recommend that April 27 be scheduled as the Public Hearing date to discontinue Route 311. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Esler asked will the 2006 budget deficit that is projected be okay if the \$13,500 reduction is recovered? Bolte replied yes, but right now there are still unknowns.

Public Comment

Singert said he would like to publicly thank our senate delegation for their efforts on March 9, the last day of the senate session, when there was a four-hour debate on the ethanol bill. He would like to thank Senators Kedzie, Lazich and Fitzgerald who did an outstanding job on the floor on behalf of not supporting the ethanol bill. Their arguments were legitimate, professional and they took a lot of heat to do what they did. Singert also thanked Senator Hanson, a democrat from Green Bay, and Senator Carpenter from Milwaukee who made some excellent arguments in opposing the ethanol bill. The vote was very close at 17-15. Singert said he lobbied on behalf of himself with the resolution that was adopted by the county board in hand.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-131 Establishment of Speed Zone – CTH VV

Bolte and Barthel discussed the ordinance, which will modify the speed zone to 45 miles per hour on CTH VV from a point 1,600 feet northwest of its intersection with STH 164 westerly for a distance of 1,500 feet. **Motion:** Singert moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve Ordinance 160-O-131.

Barthel said this is to lower the speed limit west of the Village of Sussex limits from 55 mph to 45 mph and will be a transition into the 35 mph zone. A speed study was not done in this location because of the weather at this time of the year. Bolte said they are doing more of these intermediate zones so the speeds are gradually lowered. Nilson said it is good planning but the speed limits are too low to begin with and they end up as speed traps. Gundrum said he agrees with Nilson. **Motion carried 4 – 2; Nilson and Gundrum voting no.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-132 Laying Out, Relocation and Improvement of County Trunk Highway P, Dodge County Project, Project I.D. 313.067(D), 500 Feet South of the South Dodge County Line – Town of Oconomowoc, Waukesha County

Bolte, Evans and Braun were present. **Motion:** Jeskewitz moved, second by Singert, to approve Ordinance 160-O-132.

Braun said this is a relocation order and is a unique project because Dodge County is actually doing it. There is a section that extends into Waukesha County so in cooperation Dodge County has agreed to cover the cost of construction for the road improvements and to buy the land. Waukesha County will do the relocation order and reimburse Dodge County for just the land costs. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-133 Repeal and Recreate Waukesha County Code of Ordinances to Increase 2006 Fees for Right of Way Permits

Bolte, Evans and Chladil were present. Evans said this ordinance will increase the fees for right of way permits. Every three years they look at the number of hours spent and increase the fees accordingly. Manke said this will result in a revenue increase of \$15,700. Bolte said they are not increasing fees but rather recovering their costs. A handout was distributed showing the increases from 1999 to 2006.

Motion: Jeskewitz moved, second by Nilson, to approve Ordinance 160-O-133. **Motion carried 5 – 1; Singert voting no.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-139 Modify Scope and Appropriate Funds for the Capital Project 200427 Signal and Safety for the Construction of Traffic Signals and Additional Turn Lanes CTH P, CTH Z—Intersection City of Oconomowoc, Waukesha County

Bolte, Evans and Chladil were present. **Motion:** Manke moved, second by Singert, to approve Ordinance 160-O-131.

Evans said this is an intersection in the City of Oconomowoc. The cost of \$375,000 will be appropriated for this work and will increase revenues to be received by an equal amount from an existing developers agreement requiring that intersection improvements be constructed at their expense. A general discussion continued by the committee in regard to impact fees. **Motion carried 6 – 0.** (*Supervisor Behrend arrived at the meeting at 9:40 a.m..*)

Correspondence

1. Esler referred to a letter from WisDOT to Chairman Dwyer in regard to “New Planning Requirement for Federal Transit Program Funding Eligibility.” Esler said Transit Director B.Johnson brought up the new requirement for transit program funding. The federal allocation is now under a new transportation bill -- SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users). It’s about turning over to your municipal planning organization or in our case SEWRPC the responsibility to have a collaborative meeting prior to release of transit funds.
2. Esler addressed two memos written by Airport Mgr. Keith Markano regarding airport funding. These memos were distributed by Chairman Dwyer and Legislative Policy Advisor Krahn to our congressmen and senators when they attended the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. earlier this month.

Approve Minutes of March 2, 2006

Motion: Singert moved, second by Behrend, to approve the minutes of 3/02/06. Manke pointed out a correction on Page 1 as to who approved the minutes of 2/16/06. It should be: Behrend moved, second by Nilson. **Motion carried as amended 7 – 0.**

Report from Executive Committee Member for Meeting of March 13, 2006

Manke said there was another discussion on downsizing the board. He also summarized items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting.

Discuss Strategy for Pursuing the Transfer of County Highway “TT” to the State of Wis.

Manke said the Executive Committee will also be discussing this item at their March 27 meeting. This issue has been out there a long time. The city and the town were asked to draft their resolutions which they did. This is the closest we’ve ever been to doing something on this. It has been sitting out there for 20 years. It certainly is needed. Esler said Dewayne Johnson (Regional District Director) should be appearing at the March 27 meeting. Manke said the Mayor and Town Chairman should also be there.

Meeting Approvals

Motion: Singert moved, second by Behrend, to approve committee attendance to the Executive Committee meeting on Monday, March 27, 2006. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-130 Approval of Sale of Waukesha Flying Services, Inc. from John W. Lotzer to Trajen Flight Support, LP

Markano, Lotzer, Wodushek and Schmitz were present. **Motion:** Behrend moved, second by Swan, to approve Ordinance 160-O-130.

Markano explained the sale of Waukesha Flying Services to Trajen Flight Support, LP. Esler said Trajen is a fairly large fixed based operator provider in other parts of the U.S. Also, Waukesha Flying Services will still maintain some aeronautic services at the airport. .

Singert said he had wanted to be assured, which he has been, that the financial statements of the new corporation be reviewed as to credibility and ability to perform the services. Markano discussed the pluses of Trajen and indicated they are a first class operation. Schmitz said he doesn't really have any concerns from a legal aspect. Trajen has 17 operations throughout the country. The financials were reviewed by DOA-Finance and Schmitz hasn't heard any negatives. Nilson asked where are some of the other airports that are affiliated with Trajen? Markano replied Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Colorado, and Elmira, NY to name a few.

Swan said he thinks the road should go through over to Grandview. Is there any thought about including Trajen as to their ideas for this road? Markano said he can't speak for Trajen but from the airport's standpoint, they would like to see the road go through because there would be quicker access to the Fire Department. He stated that the FAA would only fund one entrance to the airport, which they did at the time the terminal was built. Lotzer said Trajen is more organized along the lines of servicing aircraft and maintaining aircraft and are less interested in owning and operating aircraft. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

(Supervisor Gundrum left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.)

Motion to adjourn: Singert moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. by saying it was a good meeting. Behrend seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert
Secretary

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